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9. INVESTIGATIVE GROUP V-14401

This group, which operates in VIENNA, is largely composed of ~~ex~~-policemen (the "ex", dating from 1945, being a result of backing the wrong political horse) who carry out CIC-type neighborhood checks, central registry police checks, accomplish surveillances, all to investigate leads they or others turn up on people or firms offering possibilities of intelligence exploitation. U/M's plans call for expansion of this group into a sort of "branch office VIENNA", responsible for running positive operations based in VIENNA, as well as accomplishing investigative duties. (Dependent upon the capabilities he demonstrates during training he is currently undergoing on the U/M Staff, it is possible that V-14407 will be transferred to VIENNA to head the "branch office", primarily in administrative capacity, to "staff" the efforts of the flatfoot group.) The group comprises:

- a. V-14401 - Identity reported MEA-10434. Leader of the group, directs investigative activities, actually conducts some investigations himself, is temporarily responsible for direction of the Bulgarian group, and also briefs and debriefs V-14814 regarding his Danube River voyages to the Balkans. He secures Central Registry (Koldeamt) checks in VIENNA through a personal acquaintance known to us only by the name "Viktoria".

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4. VIENNA INVESTIGATIVE GROUP: This group, headed by V-14801, will soon comprise only V-14802, V-14803, and V-14810 as full time spotters, investigators, recruiters, and general intelligence handymen in VIENNA. The group this year has conducted a number of investigations, but has not produced any operations other than V-14536, about whom there are some reservations. The revelation by V-14530 that he was working for the SIS caused a marked decrease in the activity of the U/I group in VIENNA, for security reasons, since V-14801 had been exposed to Bulgarian associates of V-14530. The principal achievement of the year by this group was the taping of the garbage collection group associated (among others) with Josef URBAK; this was something of an achievement, however, since the combined efforts, such as they were, of CV G, CV C, and DV E for the past two years had not succeeded in doing this. The group's individual history in 1953:

a. V-14801: He continues in his capacity as chief of the U/I spotting and investigative group in VIENNA. He was probably exposed to (under cover name), and possibly surveilled by, the SIS, on the occasion when V-14531 turned over his Bulgarian contacts in VIENNA to V-14801. At the time this occurred, it was not known that V-14530 was a Soviet agent. V-14801 has not yet been told that V-14530 confessed to activity on behalf of the SIS. It was believed with ~~some~~ concern by U/I for several months, since the possibility existed that V-14801 might have been recruited by the SIS. This does not appear to be the case, however. V-14801 has received strict orders to keep contacts with the Bulgarians (V-14532 and V-14535) to a minimum. V-14801 has also been exposed to possible SIS observation, and may still come to the attention of Austrian authorities, through his participation in "operation BILLING B", a penetration of Josef URBAK and Company, which successfully identified the Soviet garbage collector ring in VIENNA and demonstrated that URBAK was simply one of the buyers in touch with this band of thieves. V-14801 accomplished this through re-activation of V-14806,

a member of the Stapo in VIENNA, who was dropped by V-14801 because he was found to be cooperating with Josef URBAK through the former V-14804. Through information gained by V-14806 from the former V-14804 (Franz HASCHKA), V-14801 was ultimately put in touch with a former girl-friend of one of the "chiefs" of the garbage collector gang, and achieved the taping of the ring, as well as finding a means of buying the garbage more cheaply. (This chief has not yet been arrested by ZINTEN HQ, and currently all garbage operations have been stopped to let the dust settle following the arrest of URBAK, ZINNLEDER and HASCHKA). In due course, V-14801 was cut out of direct contact with the collectors, V-14806 being substituted, so that the agency interested in this ring would appear to be the Stapo. But V-14801 may still be compromised, since V-14806 knows who he is, and Austrian authorities would clearly take a dim view of anyone engaged in recruiting sources in the Stapo. V-14806 is unlikely to compromise V-14801, however, since this would cancel his chances of being reinstated in the Stapo (V-14806 was suspended following the arrest of URBAK). While there were some anxious moments right after URBAK was arrested, all efforts to be quiet in the vicinity of V-14801, and U/I place to leave him in VIENNA. It is planned to move V-14801's family to INNSBRUCK, where V-14801 has procured an apartment, as soon as the school year is over, to make V-14801 less vulnerable should Soviet pressure develop (and considerably simplifying the evacuation of V-14801 from VIENNA, should it come to that). In addition to the matters described above, V-14801 runs a recruitment of the VIENNA baldurant, and also supervises the activities of V-14802, V-14803, V-14810, V-14820, and V-14827.

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